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December 21, 2010

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am contacting you to express my strong concerns regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) recent decision to approve the sale of American uranium reserves to Atomredmetzoloto (ARMZ).

ARMZ is owned by the Russian government and has sought to acquire a controlling stake in the Canadian owned Uranium One, Inc. This transaction would give the Russian government control over a sizable portion of America's uranium production capacity. Equally alarming, this sale gives ARMZ a significant stake in uranium mines in Kazakhstan.

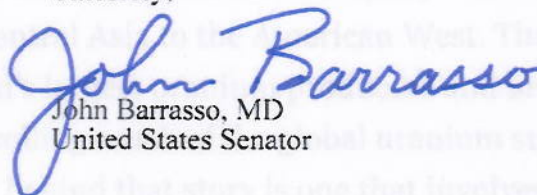
As you know, Russia has a disturbing record of supporting nuclear programs in countries that are openly hostile to the United States. Russia has directly aided Iran's nuclear development and agreed on October 15, 2010 to help develop Venezuela's nuclear program. This record is at great odds with our own national security.

America's national and energy security must be paramount in any future decisions by your administration. As was communicated to the NRC by my staff prior to the sale, I remain concerned with any attempt to grant an export license to ARMZ which would allow the Russian government to ship U.S. uranium overseas. I would request immediate notification should ARMZ file for a license with the NRC to export U.S. uranium.

In light of this recent NRC decision, developing U.S. uranium is critical. The U.S. imports nearly 90 percent of the uranium used in America's nuclear power plants. Currently more than a dozen license applications are pending with the NRC for uranium mines in Wyoming. These delayed applications, dating back as far as 2007, are unacceptable. I ask that you work with me to ensure an active and strategic domestic uranium industry that lessens our dangerous dependence on foreign imports.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,



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May 13, 2015

The Honorable Jacob Lew
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Secretary Lew:

I am contacting you regarding my continued concerns regarding national security implications of Russian government ownership of American uranium reserves.

Several years ago, there were serious questions raised regarding the national security implications of a case pending before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), Case No. 10-40, that would sell American uranium reserves to a Russian government owned company Atomredmetzoloto (ARMZ). I wrote President Obama in December 2010 to express my strong concerns and make sure the Administration did not take steps to undermine our national security. A copy of the letter is attached.

My primary concern was that the deal would enable the Russian government to control a sizable portion of America's uranium production capacity. I was also concerned that the sale would give this Russian company a significant stake in uranium mines in Kazakhstan. I pointed out that Russia, as we continue to witness, has a disturbing record of supporting nuclear programs in countries that are openly hostile to the United States – such as the Islamic Republic of Iran.

I told the President America's national and energy security had to be the top priority in this deal. Safeguards needed to be implemented to prevent Russia from shipping U.S. uranium overseas. I asked for immediate notification if the Russian company filed for licenses to export U.S. uranium.

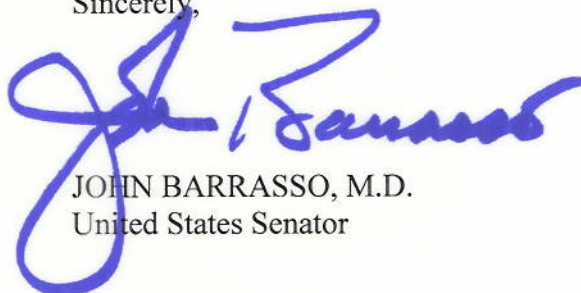
ARMZ now owns a 100 percent stake in Uranium One. The transaction to allow the Russian majority takeover of Uranium One was approved by CFIUS, which your agency chairs. National security implications of this deal continue to be of concern, especially with the recent revelations that foreign funds may have been used to influence the decision in the case (see attached *New York Times* story).

To provide the maximum amount of transparency to the public and Congress regarding the CFIUS approved sale, I ask you to please provide copies of any letters, analysis, or emails by representatives of any federal agency participating in the CFIUS review that expressed any concerns regarding the national security implications of this transaction between ARMZ and Uranium One. In addition, I am requesting any official correspondence, including the legally required threat analysis carried out by the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), sent to the CFIUS panel pertaining to this proposed transaction.

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If you could please provide the information requested no later than May 31, 2015, that would be greatly appreciated. If your staff has any questions, please have them contact Brian Clifford of my staff at 202-224-6441.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Barrasso". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

JOHN BARRASSO, M.D.
United States Senator

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